PRESENT—*cont.*

Singam Ayyangar, Mr. K.
Siva Raj, Rao Sahib N.
Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Smith, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. E. Conran.
Soundara Pandian, Mr. W. P. A.
Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Action taken on the report regarding the fall in the price of coconuts.

* 582 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the officer deputed by the Government to enquire into the causes of the fall in the price of coconuts has submitted his report; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the report and whether they propose to take any action in the matter?

A.—(*a*) The local Government have not deputed any officer. The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has employed an officer to enquire into the conditions of the supply of coconut products in India. This officer has not yet completed the investigation.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether this officer is working under the direction of the Local Government or whether he is carrying on his investigations independently of the Local Government? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" The officer is not working directly under the Local Government."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" It has been mentioned in the answer that the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has employed an officer. May I know whether that officer is working as a subordinate to the Local Government? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" The officer is working on behalf of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the Director of Agriculture is giving him directions for the work."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, which are the coconut producing districts? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I cannot reply offhand."

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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know which districts are going to be investigated by this officer?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I think all those districts where there is coconut cultivation are under investigation by this officer."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether South Kanara is within his scope?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" If South Kanara is a coconut producing country, it will certainly be under his investigation."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Madras Government is getting in touch with this officer?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I do not think the Government need be in touch with this officer. But I think that officer would send a copy of the report of the work which he sends to the Imperial Council of Research to this Government also."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether agricultural research includes the growing of coconut trees also?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Yes."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the Madras Government have issued instructions to coconut growers that they may make any representations to this officer?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" It is open to anybody to make representations to this officer."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur.—" May I know what kind of researches this officer is making; is it about marketing or improving the growth of coconuts or what?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" In all matters affecting the coconut."

Registration

Posting to the sub-registry offices in South Kanara of clerks unacquainted with the local language.

* 583 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Services Commission have allotted for service as clerks in the sub-registry offices in South Kanara, candidates who do not know the local vernacular; and

(*b*) whether such men posted as clerks have been found unable to do the work required of them?

A.—In February 1933, the Collector of South Kanara had to allot Malayali candidates, who were next in order in the approved list of candidates for the South Kanara district, published by the Madras Services Commission, to the offices of the sub-registrars of Coondapoor and Udipi to fill places caused by leave vacancies. The Sub-Registrar, Udipi, reported that